

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A packaged beverage, comprising a green tea extract comprising the following ingredients (A) to (E):

(A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins,

(B) quinic acid or a salt thereof,

(C) from 0.0001 to 15 wt% of a sweetener consisting essentially of an artificial sweetener,

(D) from 0.001 to 0.5 wt% of sodium ions, and

(E) from 0.001 to 0.2 wt% of potassium ions,

wherein:

the beverage has a pH of from 2 to 6;

a content weight ratio [(B)/(A)] of the quinic acid or salt thereof (B) to the non-polymer catechins (A) is from 0.0001 to 0.5; and

a content of oxalic acid is not greater than 0.06 in terms of a weight ratio to said non-polymer catechins (A).

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is a non-tea-based beverage.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the pH is from 2 to 5.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the green tea extract is obtained by adjusting a concentrate of green tea extract, the concentrate comprising from 20 to 90 wt% of non-polymer catechins based on a solid content thereof, such that the content weight ratio  $[(B)/(A)]$  of the quinic acid or salt thereof (B) to the non-polymer catechins (A) falls within a range of from 0.0001 to 0.16.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is in a form permitting ingestion of at least 300 mg of non-polymer catechins per day.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The packaged beverage according to claim 1, wherein the beverage is provided in a clear container.